

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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### HIS COMING DRAWETH NIGH

Who May Abide the Day of His Coming

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

We are endeavoring to stand as a watchman on the wall. The prophet cried out, "Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh and also the night." The subject of this thought is the "Burden of Dumah." The meaning of Dumah is "deep silence or the land of the dead." Doubtless the prophet in a vision saw the slain of the land caused by the Assyrian king (the antichrist). This caused him to be under a great burden, so he refers to the occasion as the burden of Dumah which is also referred to as the night. The watchman stated that a morning precedes this terrible night that is to bring death in the land. There is much evidence that we are living within the morning time. The day star has arisen and is brightly shining in the capacity of a great Pentecostal outpouring, also it is very evident that the shades of the night have already begun to settle down on this old world. We have been calling attention to the many different shadows that are to precede the day of the Lord known as the terrible night. We have written of the floods, earthquakes, destructive insects, world war, influenza, and many other foreshadowings. We will now call attention to something else that stands out very prominent as a last day sign. James says, "Go to now ye rich men, weep and howl for the miseries that shall come upon you; your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten, your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be witnesses against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped TREASURES TOGETHER for the last days behold the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud crieth: \* \* \* ye have lived in pleasure on the earth and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts as in the day of slaughter, ye have condemned and killed the just, and he doth not resist you."

The daily press bears witness that the world is massing its forces. We learn that ninety per cent of the steel concerns in Great Britain are in a vast combine. Nine big companies having absorbed thirty-six smaller ones.

It is said that fifty men in New York City can stop every wheel on the railroads, close every factory and shut down every coal and iron mine in the United States.

#### Trusts and Combines

What is a trust? It is a business organization or combination consisting of a number of firms or corporations operating, and often united, under an agreement creating a trust; formed mainly for the purpose of regulating the supply and price of commodities; also to control or monopolize trade; as a sugar trust. (Webster's Dictionary.)

There is no doubt that most every article manufactured is made by a trust, or the firm at least is drifting that way, or else drifting out of business. There is the great sugar trust, the automobile trust known as the General Motors, the steel trust, railway trust, even coffin trust, with many more too numerous to mention. These are some of the treasures being heaped together of which James speaks. Isaiah says, Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth. Isaiah saw that the rich would spread his arms and take in every thing until there would be no place left for the ordinary, or poor man. There is no doubt that everything is drifting in that direction.

Now comes the league of nations, also the much talked of league of churches. Everything is tending toward a combine. Is that all? No the labor movement is another massing of

forces. Unions everywhere. It is said that in America alone the Federation of Labor exceeds a membership of two million. This is for the purpose of protection against Manufacturing Associations. The aim is doubtless to fix hours of labor and the wages they shall receive. This is backed by the Red Socialistic, radical Bolshevistic spirit. Doubtless there will be a serious clash between the opposing forces which will result in the rise of an imperial power which is to rule the world.

#### Rod of Indignation

While it is true the rich are to weep and howl because of the miseries coming upon them, doubtless brought by the rigid opposition they shall encounter at the hands of federated labor, backed by Socialism and Redism. I cannot think that the antichrist will be of the rich, but he shall be of the class that will refuse the people to buy or sell unless they first receive the certain mark, thus showing that they have joined in league with those who had in the previous conflict gained control of the merchandise and commodities of the world. These, perhaps will have been wrenched from the hands of the rich and they having been made to suffer as a judgment for the way they have treated the poor.

There can be no doubt that the antichrist will be revealed somewhere during the struggle between capital and labor.

The Lord of sabaoth shall rise up against the rich because of their oppression of the poor but the antichrist is to be the rod of His indignation.

The wicked shall rise up and resist the rich even as they are doing today, but James says the just will not resist him, but will let them defraud and even kill them while they only look up and trust the Lord hoping for final deliverance. This is why James says "Be patient brethren; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

Those of the poor who have enough of the grace of God to not resist the combines and their tortures shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, but those who fail to lean on Him are to be used as the rod of His indignation under the leadership of the Assyrian king (the antichrist). See Isa. 10:5-19.

The hope of the Christian is to be not carried away with the cares of this life lest that day comes upon him unawares.

### BRANFORD, FLA. CAMP MEETING

Another camp meeting has gone down in the history of Branford, being August 11-21. Brother J. A. Self and daughter, were in charge. Sister Vesta rendered valuable service in both music and singing. Sister Berdie Mann of Avon Park, Fla., our beloved blind sister, was with us a part of the time and greatly assisted in the music and singing which I am sure we all enjoyed and appreciated very much. Her bright face and beautiful testimonies were an inspiration to us and we missed her sweet presence after she had gone.

In many ways this was the very best camp meeting we have ever had. The main features of the meeting were unity and fellowship. Never before

have we witnessed such love, unity and fellowship between both saints and sinners. It had only been a few days since we closed a five weeks revival here and the pentecostal fire was still burning and things were in good shape for the camp meeting. We had good attendance at every service, especially the night services. The house and yard were crowded to their capacity. We are sure that much more good would have been accomplished had we had more room. This has been the cry for several years and still nothing is being done towards helping to make things better for another camp meeting. We trust and pray that God will touch some hearts and help them to see the need of so much work being done here and that they will soon get busy. We need a much larger building than we now have and several more acres of land to accommodate the folks who come to our camp meeting.

Brothers J. A. Self, W. M. Newman, J. E. Connatser, J. F. Mann, J. M. Bradley and Sister Newman did the preaching for the camp meeting and God was with us in mighty power. He gave us some of the most powerful messages we have ever heard. Brother Self was at his best and God used him in giving out some of the deepest and most helpful, as well as most beautiful messages we have ever heard him give out. God surely knew our needs and abundantly supplied them from "His very best table" and our souls did feast upon heavenly food which

was brought forth in the wonderful messages by different ones throughout the meeting.

Most of the afternoon services were taken up in songs, prayers and good oldtime praise meetings. These evening services were the very cream of the meeting. They were real pentecostal showers. There would be laughing, shouting and talking in tongues which could be heard almost a mile away as the mighty Holy Ghost came sweeping in, taking charge of everything. These were such glorious times, such wonderful times! We fall to find words to express these services, but this we do know, that heaven was near us and the Almighty God was in our midst.

The altar services were good throughout the meeting. Many hungry hearts prayed and wept their way thru to God. Five received the Holy Ghost. We didn't keep an account of all who were saved, sanctified and blessed in other ways, but eternity alone will reveal the good that was done.

Camp meeting now is over, And still our memory dwells On precious ones, Whom we learned to love so well.

How God did bless our hearts, And the dear ones He did save. When our time came to part, Sad we were made to feel. But happy we shall be when we meet On that "great camp meeting day" over yonder.—Mrs. E. C. Lease, O'Brien, Fla.

### MISS. STATE CONVENTION

On Sunday morning August 7th at 10 a. m. the Mississippi State Convention of the Church of God convened at Shady Grove church eight miles northeast of Magee, Miss. It continued three days.

Service was opened with song and prayer followed by welcome address by pastor, Brother J. C. Lynntz. Everybody was made to feel welcome and at home. Brothers C. G. Edward, J. R. Smith, R. T. Watkins, Grady May, Leon Thornhill, Hilburn, E. L. Wright and Sister Logan were present and did the preaching for us. Their messages were enjoyed. Pray for the work here.—M. C. Cockerell, clerk.

### 15 RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

SHAW, Ga.—I wish to report thru the Evangel a great revival which struck Estell. Sister Collins and I came here three weeks ago and started a revival. It continued two weeks and four days. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed. Twenty-one were saved, sixteen sanctified, fifteen received the Holy Ghost, twelve were added to the church and eleven followed the Lord in water baptism. Brother John Devlin did the baptizing. Brother and Sister Burk were with us some during the revival. Pray for us.—Mollie Johnson.

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### THE ASSEMBLY

Your Presence Expected

To the Assembly I expect to go,  
Heaven's blessings will there attend;  
Every one should try to make it so,  
that heaven and earth should blend.  
At Cleveland, a beautiful little city,  
Nothing can surpass her luring charm;  
Now if you are not here will deem it a pity;  
Ultimately you will realize your harm;  
After you have discovered what you missed,  
Late, too late, you will say, with regret  
"Heaven and earth have kissed,"  
This you will never forget.  
At the piano Sister Heath will perform,  
Secretary Boehmer will be at his desk;  
Surely there will be no cause for alarm,  
Every official will do his best.  
Music will be the order of the day,  
By bands, quartetts and Assembly chorus;  
Like-minded you should join the heavenly way,  
Your presence is expected before us.—F. J. Lee.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD

The 22nd Annual Assembly of the Churches of God will convene in the Church of God Auditorium in Cleveland, Tennessee, October 24-30. The indications are that this will be the greatest Assembly in the history of the Church. Our members and friends are invited. Those who are unsettled are requested to be present. Our opposers are insisted on coming and being convinced. Those who have been misled will find a welcome in our midst.

"COME THOU WITH US, AND WE WILL DO THEE GOOD"

### WHOLLY SANCTIFIED, OR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

H. J. Boatman

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you." Lev. 20:7-8.

People often speak of sanctification as something mysterious and incomprehensible. While it can only be known in reality by experience, yet the meaning of the word may be found by consulting any dictionary. Webster says: Sanctify: (1) To set apart to a holy or religious use; to consecrate by appropriate rites. (2) To make free from sin; to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution; to purify.

The Standard defines sanctify: To make holy; rendered sacred; morally or spiritually pure; cleanse from sin. Sanctification specifically in theology is the gracious work of the Holy Spirit whereby the believer is freed from sin and exalted to holiness in heart and life. John Wesley: "Sanctification, in the proper sense, is an instantaneous deliverance from all sin and includes an instantaneous power then given to cleave to God." The Bible: We learn from the teaching of the Word that the term "Sanctify" has two separate and distinct meanings. (1) It means to set apart or consecrate. It is this meaning that is used in the Old Testament concerning the sanctifying of the altar, the temple, the priest, and so on. (2) It means to purify or make holy. This is the New Testament meaning of the word and is used by the writers to signify the work wrought in the heart of believers and to prepare them for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The text carries both meanings. First: Consecration or devotion. Second: Cleansing or purifying; the latter being conditional upon the former.

It is important that we sanctify ourselves, that is clean up by measuring to God's Word in order for Him to sanctify us. The first part of the work is ours. The second part is the work of the Lord and can't be done by the believer. In other words consecration is the human side of sanctification, and upon this condition God performs this divine work and gives us a real experience of sanctification.

Samuel Rutherford, a Scotch Presbyterian divine, said, "Christ is more to be loved for giving us sanctification than justification, for He maketh us like Himself in sanctification."

This real heart experience for believers only, not attained by growth or works, but by faith delivers from the power and dominion of sin. "Carnality," our "old man" or "sin principle," is destroyed, the pure heart filled with holy love, is a Bible doctrine and cannot be denied. No one can make an honest pretence of believing the Bible and not believe in some sort of sanctification. The word sanctify in its various forms occurs one hundred and sixty times in the Bible; the words holy or holiness, six hundred times. We are told there are at least fifteen hundred references to this subject, then anyone who claims he doesn't believe in sanctification, simply expresses his ignorance or infidelity.

Sanctification, an act of God as a definite work of grace subsequent to regeneration, has always had its opposers. The reason a person would oppose such a grand experience is something I can't understand. It looks like the whole world would want it. Yet in spite of all the oppositions, it has its place in the Bible. Paul, a hol-

iness preacher, gives us much of our information concerning this subject. Here in connection with our text, we will quote Paul, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord." The persons addressed here are believers; he urges them to seek a purified nature and live a purified life. There are several theories held regarding this experience.

First: that sanctification is identical with the new birth, or sanctification and conversion are wrought simultaneously. Those that hold to this theory are heard to say "I received all when I was converted." This is contrary to Scripture and universal teaching. Every command, exhortation, prayer and promise in the Bible touching sanctification is for Christians; never for sinners. We read in the third chapter of 1st Cor., Paul in describing some of the Lord's people called them brethren and babes in Christ, and they were carnal and walked as men. Evidently they were converted people, but greatly in need of something they had not received. The carnal mind is not removed in regeneration, but these people were the Lord's people, yet unsanctified. Paul says, "The carnal mind is enmity against God." Every truly converted person has felt the strivings of carnality in the heart after regeneration. Manifestations in man of fear, pride, selfishness, despondency and an evil temper are evidences that carnality yet remains. Regeneration removes the guilt, breaks the power of sin, or in other words saves one from all past sins, but there remains in the heart the principle of sin, known in the Bible as depravity, or inbred sin and it requires a subsequent work of grace to remove it. I have never heard of a preacher inviting a sinner to seek sanctification.

The sect that holds to this theory is heard to ask these questions: If he converts a soul is not the change perfected? Does it not dishonor God to suppose that when he converts a soul an additional work is necessary to complete the reconstruction? To answer this we can say it is not God's plan to do the entire work of salvation at once, or else it would all come at awakening, but awakening precedes conversion, entire sanctification succeeds conversion and the baptism of the Holy Ghost follows entire sanctification. The theory referred to above is known as finished work, yet there can be no doubt that the completeness of the work in these several stages is measured to the degree of conformity to the conditions upon which God works. When a sinner conforms to the conditions upon which God saves, he then receives pardon of sins. When a believer conforms to the conditions upon which God sanctifies, he then receives the cleansing flow. You say you never have seen any two persons receive this experience the same. This is not strange, because the conditions of entire sanctification are met in different degrees by believers. I have seen people receive the three experiences in only a few minutes. You couldn't detect a distinction or an interval in them. Then I have known some to live a converted life and seek sanctification for months, years, before receiving it. You have noticed an oak tree that grows upon fertile soil, how tall, sound, comely and useful for various purposes, then one upon a barren, rocky, poor soil, how short, knotty, and almost worthless, yet the one Creator grew them. He made all He could out of each owing to the conditions and possibilities of the soil: so He works in believers all the possibilities of their conditions. It is His good will for every penitent to receive sanctification and even the baptism of the Holy Ghost before leaving the altar, but they only receive these gracious works by the

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Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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## Prepare To Attend Assembly

STARKVILLE, Miss.—The State Convention was good; it only ran three days. We had the state meeting this time in a new field. I am sure it did lots of good and we enjoyed the sweet blessings from the Lord. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost were with us from the very beginning to the end. About seven received the Holy Ghost. One or two received the blessing in the first service and several were saved and sanctified.

We surely have some good people in Mississippi. We have lots of new work in the southern part of the state and we thank the Lord, for these people are learning more about the Church of God. We are having many good meetings over the state.

Wife, others and I have just closed a meeting in the Delta at Wheelers Chapel. Sixteen received the Holy Ghost and several were saved and sanctified. We went from there to Marie and held about a weeks meeting. I heard some one say that seven received the Holy Ghost there. I am at Dixon now. There is a new church here by the name of Rocky Hill. We have a nice new tabernacle here and some real Church of God people.

To the ministers and churches I want to say, we surely want to get up our part of the foreign mission money. Let us get busy because we would feel badly to go to the Assembly and still be behind with our foreign mission money. The amount for Mississippi is \$300.00 which is about \$10.00 for each. Every preacher and church that sends in to headquarters, please send me a statement of same so we can tell what we are doing.

Let everyone that can, prepare to attend the Annual Assembly. I feel sure that this Assembly will be the greatest in the history of the Church. We expect lots of new folks from this state to go who have never gone before. May the dear Lord bless every one. O, when I think of Jesus and our two little boys, Paul and C. D., who went away about a year ago, it makes me homesick for Heaven. Yes darlings, by the grace of God I will meet you and all of the rest, but my Savior first of all.—Overseer, C. G. Edwards.

## DEVIL CAN'T STAND STRAIGHT WORD

We want to praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing in Maryland. We came to Salisbury about the last of May and had the State Convention which was enjoyed by all present. It was wonderful, sweet fellowship existed among the saints and the Church was edified, saints built up thru the wonderful power and Spirit of the Holy Ghost. A revival continued after the convention with Brother L. G. Rouse, Sister Vesta Lawson, myself and other helpers. Some were wonderfully healed, saved and sanctified. We had to close the meeting while the Lord was yet working, because it was such a busy time of the year.

We began a revival a few miles out in the country. Brother Rouse did the preaching. Twelve received the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water, five came into the Church and the Church was greatly encouraged and built up. We then returned to Salisbury for another revival. God wonderfully blessed from the first service. People came crying to the altar and a number were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. Much good was done. The devil

## NOTICES -- AND -- SPECIALS

We will have Home Coming Day at Enaley, Ala. at the big Church of God tent, 22nd St. and Ave. C. We expect our State Overseer, Brother Ellis to be with us. Dinner on the ground. All invited to come and bring baskets. Come one and all and expect a great feast from the Lord.—Pastor, W. A. Smith.

Smith clerk, Mrs. P. U. Browning.

There were several at the Weatherford Camp Meeting who wanted to know my address when I became located, so anyone wishing to write me, can reach me at Electra, Texas, box 559.—E. C. Merritt.

## 36 SOULS SAVED

The writer began a meeting in Leadwood, Mo. June 29th and continued it until August 28th. This was a new place and large crowds attended. The first two weeks people refused to help out in the meeting. We continued to preach the Word and Christians from other churches began to work. Thirty-six souls were saved, ten sanctified and ten received the Holy Ghost. Brother Moreland, State Overseer, was with us a few nights and preached some soul stirring sermons. The Moreland sisters were with us throughout the meeting. Their singing and playing was enjoyed by all and I am sure their untiring efforts were a great help in the meeting which closed August 28th.

Thirteen followed the Lord in water baptism and a church was set in order with thirty-six members. Among this number was a preacher who comes to us well recommended from the Assemblies of God. He is now pastoring the church. They purchased two lots and are starting their new building 40 x 60 at once. They plan to have it finished by the Assembly.

We are now in a tent meeting at Bonne Terre, Mo. God is wonderfully blessing and bringing souls to Him. The people here expect to have their new church finished soon. God is truly blessing in this part of Missouri. We expect to meet you at the 22nd Annual Assembly.—F. R. Harwood, Desloge, Mo.

## BEST MEETING IN SOME TIME

Dear brethren and sisters in Jesus, I wish to report victory for the Church at this place. The district meeting convened August 13-14 with J. W. Culpepper in charge. I want to say that Brother Culpepper made many friends while here. Everyone seemed to enjoy his preaching. I have heard many remarks made about his sermons from the chart which were very uplifting and instructive. We thank the Lord for men like Brother Culpepper, who will stand for the Truth anywhere.

Following the district meeting, we had a few days meeting. Brother Earl Paulk and Sister Myrtle Whitehead of Hartwell, Ga. were in charge. This was the best meeting that has been at this place for some time. The Lord blessed them in a wonderful way in giving out the Word. Both saint and sinner seemed to enjoy the preaching. Everybody hated to see the meeting close.

Six were saved, five sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, four added to the Church and six baptized in water. We thank the Lord for all of this. Will say in conclusion that the Church was greatly revived and encouraged to press on. Please pray for us here that we will stand true and be among the Bride.—Frank Miller, district pastor, Quartz, Ga.

Let everyone that can, prepare to attend the Annual Assembly. I feel sure that this Assembly will be the greatest in the history of the Church. We expect lots of new folks from this state to go who have never gone before. May the dear Lord bless every one. O, when I think of Jesus and our two little boys, Paul and C. D., who went away about a year ago, it makes me homesick for Heaven. Yes darlings, by the grace of God I will meet you and all of the rest, but my Savior first of all.—Overseer, C. G. Edwards.

## The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against The Church

PARAGOULD, Ark.—Dear Evangel readers, I am in Paragould in a meeting here. God is blessing, the devil is mad. The out side people here say they are going to have me arrested. Do pray for me if they do put me in jail. Pray that I will hold out.

God is blessing here no matter how hard the enemy tries to stop us. Remember us in your prayers.—L. E. Tharp.

## God Heard My Prayers

MEDEPOCA, W. Va.—I want to testify this morning for the Lord and how precious He is to my soul, and for His healing power. I haven't taken any medicine neither given any to my baby who is one year old. Recently he was attacked with colic and we did not rest any with him. I laid my hands on his stomach and told God if He would heal him I would testify to it through the Evangel. He was healed instantly and went right off to sleep. Glory to God for victory.

I want all the saints who read this to please pray that I may be more humble before God and live a closer life than ever before.—Yours for Jesus, Mrs. W. A. Dixon.

got mad and made us move because we prayed so much. Brother Rouse gave out the Word so straight that some went to the authorities of the town to see if they would stop the meeting but they told them to leave us alone if they prayed all night and day, that it was all right and they couldn't stop us. Pray much for us that we will be able to gather golden grain.—Your humble sister, Florida Brown.

## BACK HOME

Thru the Church of God Evangel I want to praise God because I have come back home. Brother and Sister Lemons held a meeting at Fitzgerald, Ga. and the Lord blessed in giving out the Word. I have come home and I want the prayers of all the saints. I love the Church of God. It is the Bible church.

In Matt. 24:35 we find "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. The Bible is our rule and guide and when the earth passes away the Church of God will stand. I desire your prayers.—J. A. Vaughn, 416 E. Swanee St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

## PRESS ALONG TO GLORYLAND

FAYETTE, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord this beautiful Sabbath morning for salvation, health and strength. I feel good deep down in my soul. I am thankful that we are serving a God who hears and answers prayers. He is not dead but rose from the grave.

My wife and I are members of the Church of God. She is a live worker for the Lord and on fire for God. Pray that we may press along to the glory land. Some people say we can't live above sin, but they are mistaken.

Do pray for us here that we may be bright shining lights for the Lord.—J. J. Lee.

## New Work Opened

I want to report victory over flesh and the devil. We closed a seven days meeting three and one-half miles from Fairburn, Ga. Brother Tom Pennell was with me the first part of the meeting and Brother W. A. Walker was with me the last part of the meeting. Four were saved, four sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. We had large crowds. This was a new place and the people are looking this way. I want all of my brethren and sisters to pray for me.—C. C. Akina.

## ENCOURAGED BY READING EVANGEL

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I want to praise God this morning for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Evangel has brought so many sweet messages of love and cheer. It seemed that everything was against our little band here, but the Evangel helped us greatly. I mean to press my way through to the Lord and meet Him face to face some day.

I promised the Lord if He would heal two of my children I would testify to it through the 'dear Evangel'. He has healed us so many times and I intend to trust Him to the end. Please remember us in your prayers.—Your sister, Mrs. E. S. Neal.

## HE IS THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND

NASSAU, N. P. Bahamas.—Greetings in Jesus' name to all the saints scattered abroad. This very moment finds me saved from a life of sin sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I am determined to enter the gates of heaven. I am trying to live a pure and holy life.

I am standing for the truth and right. Really the Lord is the lily of the valley, the bright shining star of the morning, the dearest of ten thousand. I have been a member of the Church of God ever since I was fifteen years old. The Lord is blessing the work here. I am a widow thirty six years old. I mean to live the life the balance of my life for the Lord, fighting against sin and the devil.—Ellen Butler, P. O. box 211.

## Devil Fought Hard

KERMIT, W. Va.—A revival began here the 23rd of July and closed Sunday night August 14th. Brother T. J. Meade was with us during the first of the meeting and preached some good sermons. Then Brother W. H. Martin from St. Louis, Mo. was in charge until the meeting closed. His messages were enjoyed and the Lord blessed the saints. There were two saved, two sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost at their home. The devil fought hard but five were added to the church and two followed the Lord in water baptism, so we are looking for greater things to be done here. Pray for us.—James Starr.

## KEMPS BAY ON FIRE

NASSAU, N. P. Bahamas.—I want to report thru the Evangel how God has given me wonderful victory at Kemps Bay. I left here on the 30th of July and arrived there on the 31st at four o'clock I met Brother Woodside and his wife on fire for Jesus. I was tired and sea-sick and did not have service until the next night which was Monday. We pitched a battle there which lasted two weeks. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in giving us souls for our hire. Two were saved, six sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as in Acts 2:4.

Kemps Bay is on fire for God. I want all the dear saints to pray for me. I am expecting to go to Nastic Point and Nicolas Town. I need your prayers. I am not able to stay as long as I should but pray that God will make a way for me to get out as the harvest is very great. I want to do all I can for my Lord and King. Pray for my health to be restored.—Yours on the battlefield, Clemencia J. Mallory.

## VICTORY! VICTORY!!

JONESBORO, Ind.—Praise God for victory for the Church of God at Jonesboro, Ind. Brother I. H. Brabson of Greenville, Tenn. came here on July 22nd and conducted a two weeks meeting. This meeting has meant so much to me. My entire family is serving the Lord. I can almost say the Lord has heard and answered every prayer. Nine were saved in this wonderful meeting, two sanctified and many were made to see the light on the great Church of God. It was great to see how the folks would sit spell-bound and listen while Brother Brabson gave out the doctrine on the Church. He made it so plain that the honest hearts could hardly wait to get into the church.

On August 14th Brother Brabson set the church in order with fifteen members. Best of all, they were the best folks in town, so we praise God for His Church and because He has blessed every effort we have put forth. Pray much for the Church at this place.—Mrs. Chas. Swanner.

## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR CHURCH

CHAUNCEY, Ill.—Just a few words of praise to the dear Lord for what He is doing in Illinois. This has been a very successful year for the great Church of God in this state under the administration of our dear Brother Letsinger as overseer. It has also been a prosperous and pleasant year for the Church and among the ministers in general. I believe most everybody is praying that we may have Brother Letsinger as our overseer again another year.

We have just closed a tent meeting at Bridgeport, Ill. for Brother Tony Ford. Most everyone seems to think it was a great success in many ways. We held the meeting in the City Park and although the crowds were exceedingly large, we had the best of order and attention throughout the entire meeting. There were fifteen who received definite blessings from the Lord. Eighteen were baptized in water and nine added to the Church with six more to follow soon, so we certainly appreciate the way the saints at Bridgeport labored in the meeting and for the help rendered from other local churches.

We go from here to Bompas Creek with our tent for a meeting. This is the oldest Church of God in Illinois. The membership is small as some have moved away but those that are left are pure gold and I believe they will surely stand the test. Pray that the meeting at Bompas will be a great success.—R. A. Fielden and wife.

## WE NEED TO DRAW SER TO GOD

FSK, Mo.—Greetings to all the dear saints of God. I am glad that today still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Dear ones if there ever was a time that we need to stay close to Jesus it is now. In this time of distress and suffering I am so glad that I can lean upon the arms of the Lord, the one who died for us that we might be saved from our sins.

It almost breaks my heart to see men and women go at such a gait right headlong into everlasting destruction, spurring the love of Christ as something unclear. I am not surprised at anything our God brings to pass upon this earth. Ah! listen perilous times are upon us. I truly want to live more humble before the Lord.

There is a church here at Brosley but it doesn't have a pastor, neither a deacon. Our Overseer has not been able to reach us yet this year, but we pray God's blessings on him.

Please pray much for me.—A sister under the blood, Alice Webster.

## ENJOYS ATTENDING MEETING

EUPORA, Miss.—I thank God for the meeting we had in July which continued seventeen days. The Lord surely blessed, the saints were revived and many eyes were opened to the true Gospel. The attendance was good and five were healed. One child had fever and we took it to the church one day. Our overseer T. W. Wimberly, prayed for and anointed it and it was healed. The fever left before he took his hands off. He did the preaching for our meeting and the Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. He preached the Bible and the altar was crowded every day and night.

Brother Wimberly gives out the straight doctrine. We love him because he is a man of God and that is what we need. Ever since the Lord came in and cleaned me up from all uncleanness (from the snuff box and everything), sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, praise God. I love His Word every where I hear it.

We are putting on another meeting and ask the prayers of all who read this that some will be saved. Pray for my husband and children.—Nettie Daniels, R. 4, box 83.

## GET IN TOUCH WITH ELIJAH'S GOD

I have just closed a five weeks meeting at McDavid, Fla. About twelve were saved, one sanctified and we left them seeking more of the Lord. The good Methodist of that place gave me permission to use their large church building. They were nice to us in every way.

It looked as though the meeting would be a failure at first but when we got in touch with Elijah's God who answers prayer, people began to come, the long altar was filled with seekers and God blessed in a wonderful way. I ordered a bunch of Evangelists and gave them out. The people fell in love with the paper which we all appreciate so much.

This place is in good shape now for a Church of God preacher to come and set a church in order. I didn't like to leave them alone but the last two weeks of the meeting I was quite sick in body and tired as I had no help, even in the altar, except a few nights some saints came quite a distance to be in the service. Any good worker who is out and out for God and lost souls, looking for a place to preach, just come to McDavid. The people are nice and it is a beautiful place to live. All who read this pray for me. I'm looking forward to the Assembly, expecting this to be the greatest.—Yours in the Master's vineyard, Josephine Walker, Bagdad, Fla.

WYNNE, Ark.—We have just closed a three weeks meeting seven miles out from Wynne, Ark. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word. Two were saved, four sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost, four came into the church and four followed the Lord in water baptism. The saints were greatly revived. More are looking this way. Brother E. H. Taylor was in charge of the meeting. We need your prayers.—Carlee Fowler, Route 2, McCrory, Ark.

## REQUESTS

Dear saints everywhere, I want you to pray for the healing of my body. I am troubled with rheumatism very much. Pray that I may also be healed of chronic bladder trouble.—B. H. Smith, R. 5, Ripley, Tenn.

Please pray a special prayer that my husband will return to me. I think he has left me because he thinks I do not care for him, but if the Lord will send him back to me and give me another chance, I will do better and try to win him for the Lord. I love the Church of God and desire to become a member of it.—A friend, Hawkinsville, Ga.

Dear saints, pray for me that I will be completely healed. I don't take medicine but am trusting in God's power to heal.—Mrs. Gilbert McCall, Cherryfield, N. C.

In the year 1916 I received the Holy Ghost and was a true child of God. I had many steep places to climb and many hard trials to go thru but I had pure salvation and God wonderfully blessed me. For some cause or other I have let the devil overtake me and have gone down. There is no peace or satisfaction in this old troublesome world for me unless I can find peace with God again. I ask the saints to pray and get hold of God for me, that I may be reclaimed.—G. C. Fuller, box 124, Pulaski, Va.

We request prayer for the healing of Brother F. J. Rudessill's body. He is suffering with malaria.—Mrs. Jimmie Rudessill.

## They Also Ordered Paul To Stop Preaching

KENDRICK, Fla.—I praise God for the wonderful work done in Williston, Fla. We were over there about twenty-one days and He wonderfully blessed. We were having the meeting in the A. M. Church. The devil raged and the preacher put us out of the church, but that did not make us leave. Two days after we were put out, one sister was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Next day one was convinced and the next day another one was sanctified and five took a stand for the Church and her teaching. The meeting closed with thirty-five at the altar. Sister Amelia Farman conducted the meeting. Sister Wheeler, Brother C. L. McFarland and pastor, S. M. McFarland assisted. One person was healed of fits.—H. Farman.

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## CHRIST'S HOPE FOR DEFEATED FISHERMEN OR VICTORY VS. DEFEAT

Robert Hill.

To wrest victory from defeat is not a human prerogative, but Jesus came to a world of humanity which had made a failure and who had been slaves of each other. God had been disappointed and His plans thwarted from time to time, simply by the failure of mankind. But blessed be the name of Jesus; He came to our rescue fully prepared to wrest continual victory from universal defeat.

Peter was a defeated fisherman. He had gone fishing for himself. Luke 5:5 "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net." We notice how frank Peter was to acknowledge his failure, or in other words, his defeat by launching out at his own volition. Now hear the glad fact of his willingness to change masters from self to Savior. Here is the combination to change masters from self to the all conquering King. Jesus' simple directions and their full meaning are applicable to all men everywhere. Now today "LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP, and let down your nets for a draught." Verse 4. Many have launched out, not because they were obeying Christ's command; not because there was any virtue in launching out, but many are like Moses when he got in a hurry, jumped out, killed an Egyptian and hid him in the sand. "LAUNCHED OUT." My dear friend and brother be sure your life work is Christ directed. Launching out at your own volition will result in a miserable failure on your part. Wait for the anointing from the Holy One and this same anointing will teach you. God calls His ministers just as definite today as He ever did and He also qualifies them whom he has called. God will let you know when He calls you to do a certain work. There is a perfect knowledge, a perfect assurance in the calling of God. Oh, when will men realize that the ministry is a calling and not a profession, but it is never too late dear defeated ones, if you have met with some of the trials, tests and disappointments that go with the divine calling. Here comes one opposing the Holy Ghost, saying that God no longer baptizes men and women with the Holy Ghost and fire, but that was for the disciples of old and is behind the age. They say we are beyond the age of miracles and that it is no longer God's purpose to deal with men in this manner and consequently they are drowned in the sea of formalism, if they ever had an experience with God.

There are others who come trying to impersonate the Holy Ghost; there are some who have never received the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, but try to impersonate His voice. Illustration:—I was preaching at a place last year and a person just recently apparently had been under the power of God and made some very peculiar noises. This continued for about ten minutes, then she turned to a sister and said, "I tell you it is hard work talking in tongues." Laboring in the sea of fanaticism is as great a sin as floating on the sea of formalism. When the Holy Ghost speaks, His voice is as clear as a whistle, thank God.

Launch out! Oh God help us to launch out in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. It is noticeable that Jesus sent them back to the very place where they had caught nothing, the very place where they had been sorely disappointed, discouraged and disheartened, yes, the very scene of former defeats and wasted labors and indeed today it is often God's choice and purpose to send us right back to the very place of our apparently uselessness. "They don't want me here, they don't care for me here, I am useless," cries many a disheartened one, but God can use us anywhere if we will launch out in His name at His command. But we must by all means, first have a HEART knowledge of God. God can use none but a HOLY HEART. We must go in thru the depths of our own souls, yea, to the very HEART of holiness. Our lives must be Christ directed, we must be led of the Spirit to preach, not theories, but what we NOW KNOW and FEEL of the Word of Life. The world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. We are aware of the fact that it is the work of the Holy Ghost to convict men of sin and His usual method of convicting is thru the preaching of the Word. There is preaching that edifies; there is preaching that convinces the judgment, so in order for men to come to knowledge of the saving grace of God, their thoughts must be awakened on that line, there must be preaching which has that object. There must be preaching of saving truth vitalized and energized by the Holy Ghost until men's hearts are pierced and broken up under conviction for sin. To generalize on any subject always loses the proper effect. The man who is launching out at his own command and who deals in glittering generalities, of course, pleases and entertains his

congregation, but souls are never heard crying out for deliverance and so again I say our lives must by all means be Christ directed. Launching out for praise, honor, or position, in some instances has brought a few souls to the altar long enough to be counted and some counted over and over again, but there has been no purpose and intelligently seeking; there has been no going into the depths of His holy love. Some say God knows what they need and He will show men what to do, that is true, God knows what all men need, but God does not undertake to supply that need until men are made to FEEL and realize their soul's need and it is the minister's business to make men intelligently acquainted with God's demands, commands and will concerning their salvation.

Launching out at our own volition sometimes results in men being too miscellaneous, indefinite, generalizing and stressing non-essential matters, seeking to popularize the doctrine of holiness and sanctification. This is the devil's sure way of defeating the work of God. An occasional reference to the doctrine of holiness, a holy heart and the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not preaching it. Launch out, launch out.

There is still a deeper spiritual meaning and personal application to

this return to the place of testing. We have a natural notion that our salvation lies in immunity from danger, but which one manifests the more abundant life, the coward who flees from contagion, taking every possible precaution for his safety, or the brave physician, minister, nurse or relative who remains steadfastly and true to duty though the plague be all about him? Don't you think we are giving too much thought and devotion to our own safety?

God's plan for you my dear defeated believer, is not to remove you from the place of your trial, or the scene of conflict. In vain you remove yourself, for His first act of guidance when you place yourself unreservedly in His care, may be to send you back to the place from which you shrank away, to show you that while you were defeated and were a failure there, that with His victorious eternal life in Him you are not a failure, in Him you are a success in the identical place, under the identical circumstances where by yourself you were a miserable failure. This has been the case in many instances.

John Wesley and Geo. Whitfield saw, as young men, so little opportunities for success in England that they went as missionaries to Georgia and only the failure of that enterprise drove them back to Alderson Street in London where Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed" and went forth to turn the tide of lawlessness and debauchery which then threatened the civilization of Great Britain. It was in the very place where he saw no chance for success that he became pre-eminent useful. Had the apostle Paul, as a young man, been told that his future life lay among the despised Gentile barbarians, he would have no

doubt laughed it to scorn, yet Christ in him sent him joyfully back to the same place and among the same people for service for Him where without Christ he would have been a miserable failure. Jerry McAuley backslid more than once. Common sense would have said, "Take him out of his environment in the bawery, put him in some sound and upright community where he cannot get the liquor which causes his downfall." But that is not God's plan, instead when he obeyed and launched out at God's command, he became a power for God right in the city of New York where he had formerly been a drunkard. Now there was a difference, he now was doing Christ's command with a holy heart. No one can reach the drunkard or the woman of the street like the soul that has been redeemed from just such a life.

Oh how many are preaching for applause, for a salary, for their congregations; but if their lives would become Christ directed, yea, Christ possessed, they wouldn't stop preaching, no never, they would do it for Christ, to please Him and at His command for the salvation of lost humanity. The prophet of God shares his inestimable privilege with the humblest believer, indeed he does and he does so only by being under the direction of the commander-in-chief; yet he must be obedient to those who are over him in the Lord. We must be subject to each other and submit ourselves to those who are over us, we all must be Christ directed, thus obeying and fulfilling the law of Christ. And launching out in any other manner will result in defeat and disaster. Victory for you, victory for me, my brother, is not doing something different from what you have been doing but in doing that

## HOW ART THOU PREPARED?

Great campaigns have been launched; bloody battles have been fought, and glorious victories have been won, but all that has ever been accomplished for the good of mankind and for the glory of God, had its beginning in the day of preparation. When God called Abraham, we have reason to believe he made preparation for his journey. When Abraham, at the 24th chapter of Genesis, called on his eldest servant to go among his kinsmen to find a wife for his son, we have the fact clearly set out that they made sure that all things were prepared and nothing was lacking so that the journey would be a success and not a failure.

Moses was a man prepared for the work God wanted him to do, however, he complained that he was slow of speech, but God sent a man along for a spokesman which plainly implies that God expects us to make use of every opportunity and He will then take care of what is lacking.

Joseph was a man capable of being ruler of all the land of Egypt, but you might ask, when did these men prepare? The fact they were prepared is evidence enough that they had made preparation.

God has never at any time placed a premium on ignorance or weakness. To the weak He said, "Be ye strong" which implies we can have something very same thing because he tells you to do it, because Jesus sent you there. Launch out my discouraged friend and brother, there is no such thing as getting beyond your depth with Jesus giving command.

to do in making ourselves strong. One writer has said, "Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom." Another writer said, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

You may say this is a gift from God. Truly it is and a most blessed one and some of us have already decided that the Lord hasn't gotten to us with our part of it yet, but in the same verse of Scripture at the 12th chapter of 1st Cor., the writer has placed knowledge along side of wisdom and we were thoroughly convinced a long time ago that none of us will ever get too much knowledge, especially of the Word of God.

If we preach the Gospel, we must, of a truth, know the Gospel and to know the Gospel, we must of necessity study the Scriptures.

In God's order of the ministry, He has arranged for teachers along with other things. If then teachers, why not conclude that there are those to be taught? If therefore, there are those who need teaching, why not make preparation for a Bible School and teach those who need teaching?

This thing has been done, since by an action of the General Assembly the Churches of God has brought into existence a school where the real principles of the doctrine of Jesus Christ are taught and has selected, without opposition, a superintendent to look after the interest of said school. That said school is a product of the Assembly and not an individual institution, therefore, is entitled to, and commands the support of every member of all the churches and the hearty cooperation of every minister in the Church of God. We might add that no one can be loyal in the true sense of the term unless he is a booster and supporter of this department of the Church's work.

In every department of life, people prepare for the work to be done. The farmer studies his business and prepares himself with the best machinery he can afford and by so doing one man can, by the aid of modern equipment, do as much work today as a score or more could do a few years ago. How would the lawyer succeed without any preparation. The doctor? The school teacher? Just like you are trying to preach without and preparation. We do not mean to rely on ourselves, or on what we know, or on what we can learn, but first of all we should have real salvation; love the Lord with all our hearts and have a yearning to see the lost brought to Christ and then learn from the Word of God and from the experience of those who have traveled over a number of miles of the ministerial pathway, just what is the quickest and best way to reach the people with the Gospel.

A good place is in the Church of God Bible Training School, Cleveland, Tenn. We shall be looking for you with those who have already placed their application for the next term beginning October 31st, 1927.—Your servant, T. S. Payne.

### MUCH GOOD DONE

Brother Wolph Coalter and Brother Tipton have just closed a revival at Red Oak Grove church under a brush arbor. Brother Tipton rendered some good music on his guitar. The people were made to weep when he would sing and play. On Sunday Sister Hatfield came from Dunlap and played the organ with Brother Tipton. There was shouting again; eternity alone will tell the good done. We want them to come again.—David Haway, Lewis Chapel, Tenn.

### REVIVAL MACON, Ga.

MACON, Ga.—We wish that the people of God might know we are here; we are in the way and glad that we are in the Church of God. Our prayers and hopes were answered early last Thursday morning when Brother S. C. Chambers arrived with his family, a tent, a big guitar and a boldness to preach the whole Word of God. He came without promises and asked no favors. He just began using the two edged sword the first night without fear. God was behind him and the way he preached the first night had effect on saints and sinners. The weak and faint revived; the hungry souls ate; the weary were encouraged, everybody is rejoicing and the meeting is just four days old. We don't know how long it will last but thank God it has started. We are looking for others to come, among them, we hope, will be Brother Culpepper, our state overseer.—R. C. Couch, clerk, 231 Roff Home Ave.

We held a meeting at Marietta, Ga. God wonderfully blessed us. Large crowds attended, two were saved, two sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I praise the Lord for the blessings He poured out during the meeting. Brother Setser was with us and God helped him to give out the Word. Praise God for the Church of God and my little place in it.—C. C. Akin, pastor, 686 Gairbaldi St., Atlanta, Ga.

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## WHOLLY SANCTIFIED, OR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

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degree of conformity to the conditions upon which He gives each.

Second: some people contend that sanctification is attained by growth in grace. Growth is a teaching of God's Word and is enjoined on every one at the time of conversion, but sanctification is a separate work of grace. We can't grow weeds out of a garden neither can we grow impurity out of the heart. Many have striven for years and have not been sanctified. The Bible tells us it is the blood that sanctifies and not our good works or growth in grace. We admit our part of sanctification may be a growth or gradual approach of the human side, as our part is setting apart or consecrating, but God's part is instantaneous.

Paul said, "Let us cleanse ourselves." Seemingly this language intimates that the work is all on our part, but we understand an important part of this work is to be acted on by the individual himself. We have to meet conditions upon which God sanctifies. First: We make a complete renunciation of everything that is filthy to the flesh and spirit, bodily impurities, misuse of the body, misuse of the mind by letting it retain improper thoughts and imaginations, meditations and reading vile literature, all uses of the senses and instincts which would cause impure thoughts and acts. This must all be forever abandoned. Second: there must come a devotion of time, talent, money, influence and everything we possess to the glory of God (this devotion to God objectively is not merely for service, or a specific work, but to God that He may purify the heart). A separation of our affections from everything lawful and a complete consecration of our rights and life must be laid down at the feet of Jesus. Having renounced everything that is wrong and devoted everything that is good about us to the service of God; we have then met the condition upon which God, by an act of faith, instantaneously cleanses us from all sin. Our part may have been gradual, or growing, but God instantaneously performs and completes His work wherein our soul passes to a state of entire sanctification. There we are truly cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit and made ready to "perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord." We are sanctified but did not grow into it. We, by an act of faith, put ourselves in the cleansing stream and were immediately made clean. In order to perfect holiness we are to stay in the cleansing stream, or continue faithful and be kept clean. We, by an act of faith, were united to the Vine and received His life and purity, so abiding in this Vine we continue to receive His life and bear His fruits. This is going toward entire purification or perfecting holiness. Having obtained purity instantaneously it is to be carried into every department of life. This grace is retained upon the same condition it is obtained and cannot be retained unless it is cultivated and used. It will control treatment of ourselves, neighbors, and brethren. It will assimilate to itself all our habits of business and life and mold the life which we live in ourselves. This is destructive to the theory of getting it all at conversion, also the theory of growing into sanctification.

Third: others hold that sanctification takes place at death. They admit that Jesus Christ forgives sins, but you have to sin a little every day and at death we are sanctified or freed from sin. If death can deliver from some sin, why not a sinner from all sin? therefore no need of a Savior. The Bible calls death an enemy and tells us death is the result of sin and sin is the work of the devil, therefore death is the devil's grandchild. I can't see how anyone could look to such a source for deliverance from sin. While some have received sanctification on their death beds, it was by the cleansing blood of Jesus and not by death. If the Lord can cleanse from one sin, He

can cleanse from all of them. The epistle of Jude was addressed, not to tombstones or dead folks, but to them that are sanctified, not by death, but by God, the Father. As it is a work God must do for us, we need not wait for growth or death, but may by faith enter into this experience the moment the consecration is complete.

Fourth: the Antinomian teaching of repression and imputed holiness. Christ's holiness is ours by imputation. Involving the idea that the sins of the sinner are covered by the righteousness of Christ and leaving him in his uncleanness is not a Scriptural idea whatever. The atonement provides for such a union with Christ that His life and purity flows thru us, expelling all impurity and death, and the assimilation of us to the likeness and nature of Christ as the branch is assimilated into the likeness and nature of the vine—Jesus taught this. Remember Paul said, let us "cleanse." Greek scholars tell us that the word cleanse used here is the same used in the gospels to express the cleansing or healing of the lepers. I don't believe Jesus used some kind of covering to keep this disease in repression; when they were cleansed their disease was not concealed, but removed from the system. Their flesh came again like a little child, they were healthy and free from the disease, so when a soul is cleansed in the sense that Paul used the word, the pollution is not covered. The "old man" is not painted over and left in the heart, but is completely eradicated, crucified, killed and utterly rooted out as in Romans 6:6.

They hold that deliverance cannot come in this life and the only hope of the Christian is to obtain grace to repress, depress, compress, suppress, regulate, control and overcome this evil until death sets you free. They say further, the carnal principle remains in the heart of the believer during life and that entire sanctification is the grace that effectually and constantly holds the evil principle in repression, but the tense of the word used as a verb in Paul's quotation expresses a finished action once for all. This is destructive to the repression theory, also the finished work theory, that entire sanctification takes place at conversion, and to cleanse to clean, or remain faithful, but this forbids a thought of continuity and clearly expresses a specific, definite cleansing once for all as a finished act.

Fifth: another theory—Purgatory, a sort of affair taking place after death. They say the priest forgives actual sins, but one must pass thru purgatorial fires to be thoroughly refined and freed from sin. Jesus said, "every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it." I prefer being cleansed by the blood of Jesus rather than wait for purgatory fire.

Sixth: we hold that the Bible teaches sanctification as an experience subsequent to regeneration to be enjoyed in this present life, and I believe those who hold to this are the ones that have an experience and testimony of sanctification. We believe that sin has never gone so deep in a soul but that the blood of Jesus can go deeper. God the Father wills it; Jesus provided it. He did not provide it for the world, but for believers. John Wesley called it the "Second Blessing." Charles Wesley named it the "Second Best." Martin Luther referred to it as the "Second Conversion." Paul calls it a "Second Benefit of Grace." Some say, "I have received a hundred blessings." That may be true, but have you received the "Second Blessing" of a clean heart? There are distinctions between justification and sanctification. Jus—is life; Sanc—is more abundant life. Jus—is love; Sanc—is perfect love which casteth out fear. Jus—put on the new man; Sanc—put off the old man. Jus—saves from guilt; Sanc—delivers from fear and unholiness. Jus—imparts a spiritual nature; Sanc—is the crucifixion of the carnal

nature. Jus—deals with sins; Sanc—deals with the sin principle. Jus—gives us a right for Heaven; Sanc—fits us for Heaven. Sanc—"specifically" in theology, is that gracious work of the Holy Spirit whereby the believer is freed from sin and exalted to holiness in heart and life." Standard Dictionary.

Sanctification deals entirely different from justification. Viz: inherited sin, or the carnal nature. One must have a clear cut experience of justification before he is a candidate for sanctification. All denominations and creeds admit the fact of original sin. They distinguish between the sin principle and the sins committed. They know that all men are born with the carnal mind and all agree that this carnal nature can't enter Heaven, but the differences are as to the time and method of deliverance. In order to obtain sanctification there must be: first, definite seeking. We are not to pray for "more religion," but for the cleansing of our hearts. Second, consecration, not the surrender of something, but the giving of our redeemed powers to God; willing to do all He wants us to do, willing to let God do all He wants to do, then at the end of entire consecration and devotion by an act of faith, comes the divinely wrought, instantaneous and complete blessing which is entire sanctification, or being wholly sanctified. Appropriating the promises of God, believing what He says, then God proves, "I am the Lord that sanctify you." AMEN.

## SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

SHAW, Ga.—The Church of God at LaFayette, Ga. had an old time meeting the second Sunday in September. The people began to come in early and by 9:30 we were ready to begin service. Sister Kinsey was introduced to the people by the pastor and she spoke on "Training children to obey while young." Everyone enjoyed her talk. At 10 o'clock Brother Bain was the speaker. His subject was "Obedience of children to parents." 10:30 an offering of \$21.00 was taken. Brother Burk told how the lot was bought and paid for. The writer told how the lumber was bought. At 11:15 Bro. Jessie Kinsey introduced his subject, "Pure and undefiled religion." Brother Kinsey was at his best. 12:30 the sisters served dinner on the tables and invited everybody to come and help themselves.

Brother Newberry of Dalton brought the message at 2:30. Brother and Sister Moon of Dalton made a short talk. The new church was dedicated and the congregation dismissed for a few minutes rest. Brother Burk then preached on "Knit together." At 4:00 o'clock the pastor preached on "Communion and feet washing" which we observed and the showers surely came down. Praise God.—J. W. Devlin.

## STILL INTERESTED IN BIBLE SCHOOL

As I haven't written anything thru the paper in regards to the Bible School since last term, I must now send in a few lines in its behalf. It is nearing the opening of another term and I would like to go again as I need it, also it seems like home. The school has been worth much to me, really untold value. It has been worth much to others and will be worth more than we can express to many more if opportunity presents itself. I truly thank the Lord for the privilege of attending the school and being associated with such good teachers and students. Their prayers, kind words and deeds are very helpful. Then I especially thank the Lord, every church and individual who responded to our financial need while in the school. May God's richest blessings rest upon each one and restore them a hundred fold.

We are trying to help souls get to the Lord. We have just closed a great revival at Largo, Fla. with great success, the best we were ever in. Thirty-five received the Holy Ghost in four weeks. Brother A. M. Sapp and his flock were shouting the victory and ready to work. Easy preaching, light burdens to bear, plenty of good chicken to eat (I think I got my share), good people to be with and surely we enjoyed being there. Who wouldn't like to stay at a place like that? Some of the young people said they were going to the Bible School if there was any chance. We would be glad to see them go. Let us pray and look for them to be there.

We are now in a revival in Jacksonville and listening for some new ones to speak in tongues and are hoping the Lord will give us twenty-five from Florida for the school this year. I am still interested in the Bible School.—A student, H. L. Chesser.

SICARD, Ala.—I am a little girl eight years old. My mother is a member of the Church of God. I have been healed by the prayers of the saints. My father is a sinner. I want all who read this to pray for him that he will see himself as God sees him. I am in the fourth grade at school. I want the saints to pray that there will be a way for me to go to the Bible School. I want to be a soul winner for God.—Thelma Primm.

## OBITUARIES

### WILKINS

The great enemy of mankind as he walked stealthily on his mission of imposing death upon mortals, hesitated at the entrance of a serene home and mercifully claimed as his toll the life of our dear Brother J. E. Wilkins, a faithful husband, loving father and a loyal friend to everybody. Again, a righteous man and a true Christian.

The sweet consoling thought of the poet of the Psalms comes to our minds: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the DEATH of His saints." Brother Wilkins was a saint indeed, as his life proved; a life luminous with purity and goodness, unselfishly devoted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. What greater eulogy can be written of a mortal than this? He was a disciple of Jesus and a good man. Greater than the most eloquent speech of the champion orators, far excelling the elaborate obituaries or kings, just so simple, yet so mighty—a follower of the Christ.

In all the travels of man from childhood to old age, great deeds are recorded of heroism, acts of bravery; these please the world to be sure, but to have it said of you, that your life pleased God, far exceeds any commentary that the world might give you.

Brother Wilkins' Christian experience covered a space of twenty years or more, but the evening of his life seemed to have ripened into a more tender dependence upon the Master, bringing him in closer contact with God whereby faith, hope and charity became his constant companions. He was sanctified many years ago and was a staunch believer in the doctrine of holiness, which he practiced, however he did not receive the Holy Ghost until after attending several services of the Church of God and prayer meetings in Atlanta. After the experience of the Holy Spirit, he was properly joined to the Church of God and the church never had a more solicitous worker for the advancement of the best interests of the body than he. His greatest desire (as he often said) was to see the entire body of the church completely united without the slightest manner of friction. He would have made the utmost sacrifice to see the realization of this. In a letter he left almost a year ago in the custody of a son, he speaks of his love for the Church and his longing to see righteousness prevail, also of his extreme yearning to go to the eternal home of the soul.

Many more beautiful things can be said of this our departed husband, father and brother, but let it suffice us to say now that we miss him more than can be imagined by those who have not undergone a like experience. We loved him dearly and patiently tried to make his life a happy one, endeavoring to prove to him that we did love him. We believe we succeeded.

Below you will read a poem written by Brother Wilkins. It is not imaginary but a poetical description of an actual experience of his. May it be an inspiration to all who read it, guiding them into a closer spiritual unity with the Lamb of God, is the prayer of the orators of this obituary.—Lula Caldwell and Garner J. Wilkins.

### A DREAM OR VISION OF THE WRITER

I had a beautiful dream,  
In the stillness of the night;  
I saw a starry vision,  
I never can recite.

I saw a beautiful mansion,  
It shone so bright and fair;  
I would not dread departing,  
If I could live up there.

I sometimes think it's real,  
That God did mean to show;  
To make me leave off dreading,  
And willing for to go.

I will never forget the vision,  
It was a starry way;  
Although it was night time,  
It shone as bright as day.

I wish that I could tell it,  
Just like it came to me;  
And draw it as a picture,  
That all the world could see.

No pen could ever describe it,  
No words that I could say;  
Would tell you of its beauty,  
In the heavens far away.

I saw the rainbow's colors,  
I saw a diamond square;  
The entrance was so lovely,  
I craved to enter there.

I have started on that journey,  
The end is drawing nigh;  
I am trying to gain that mansion,  
To live in by and by.—J. E. Wilkins.

### AUSTIN

The death angel visited the home of F. W. Austin on Jan. 29, 1927 and claimed for its victim his loving wife age fifty-nine years. She suffered many weeks but bore it patiently and death came as a relief.

She was saved sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She joined the Church of God at Mt. Vernon, Ill.

about three years ago. She will be missed in the home as she was very much devoted to her home and family. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, nine children, two sisters, two brothers and many other relatives and friends. Two of her sons, Curtis and Edmond Austin are members of the Church of God here.

A loved one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in the home,  
Which never can be filled.—Her pastor, John O. Yates.

### PEELER

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peeler on Aug. 1, 1927 and claimed the bud of their home, a son age three years, one month and twenty-three days. His friends and loved ones were made sad because he was loved by every one who knew him. He was a child that loved the songs the saints sang and would often be heard trying to repeat them. His mother was a loyal member of the Church of God and at her request the saints sang his favorite song, "Take This Whole World, Give Me Jesus."

The funeral was conducted by Brother J. C. Childers and his body laid to wait the coming of Jesus in the Blacksburg Cemetery. One who loved him dearly.—Annie Peeler.

### McREA

On the 19th of March 1927 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister McRea and claimed their darling little girl age nine years. She was a sweet child and loved by all who knew her. She went to Sunday School at the Church of God and loved her teacher. Her father and mother are members of the Church of God at this place. We are lonesome without little Vela but she has gone to be with Jesus.

Dear Vela the days are both sad and lonely,  
Since you have gone so far away;  
But God loved you best and in Heaven,  
We will be with you some sweet day.

All is dark within our dwelling,  
Lonely are our hearts today;  
For the one we loved so dearly,  
Has forever passed away.

When at last I reach the portals,  
And am greeted by my own,  
I expect to find you singing,  
With the saints around the throne.

Oh what joy to hear you singing,  
Oh what joy to find you there;  
Oh what joy to hear you singing,  
With the saints and angels there.

Just to see you on that morning,  
Standing on the golden strand;  
It will for me be perfect gladness,  
When I reach to take your hand.

Just to know you are in heaven,  
And to know we've met you there;  
And to hear you singing praises,  
Will indeed be pleasure rare.

Just to see you with the Savior,  
And the loved ones gone before,  
And to be with you in Heaven,  
Will be joy forever more.—One who loved her.—her aunt, Mrs. E. Cook Carbon Hill, Ala.

### JOHNSON

Sister L. J. Johnson departed this life Aug. 8th, leaving a husband and nine children. She was thirty-nine years and eleven months old and had been a loyal member of the Church of God for seven years. Her testimony was, "Let the end be what it may, I am ready to meet it." She was sick only a few days.

She was a loving wife and a tender mother and will be missed by all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the Bedford Cemetery to await the great resurrection morning when we expect to meet her and forever be with the Lord.—Her pastor, F. W. Anderson.

### OLIVER

On June the 19th God saw fit to call away Sister Emma Oliver. As she was returning from prayer meeting at the Church of God, the car in which she and her husband were riding, turned over and she was instantly killed.

She was born July 31, 1910 and was married to Brother Henry Oliver about ten months ago. She was kind

and loving and was loved by all who knew her. She was a true and faithful member of the Church of God.

She leaves to mourn her death a mother, father, husband, five sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Dear Emma you have left us now  
And it is hard to bear,  
But may we live that some sweet day,  
We all shall meet up there.

Dear Emma you have gone away,  
We shall miss you evermore,  
But we hope some day to meet you  
Upon yonder golden shore.

A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we love is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.—A friend who loved her, Mrs. T. F. Tucker.

### HICKENBOTTOM

The death angel again visited the home of Wesley Hickenbottom and claimed their darling boy, Ely, who was born April 19, 1921. It was sad to see the little fellow suffer but it seemed that when his mother and I prayed, the Lord was willing to relieve him. He would seem to be easy. His sister, Zola Rene, preceded him to the great beyond just two weeks and two days. His sweet little testimony was that he was going to heaven where Zola was. Oh how sad the morning was before he left us on July 12, 1927.

Funeral services were conducted by James D. Vaughn of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., who was teaching a singing school at the Church of God at Cashville, Tenn. His little body was laid to rest by the side of his sister, Zola Rene. We miss their little presence in the home. Everything was done that loving hands could do but the dear Lord knew best to take Ely away. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." One who loved him.—Mrs. Benton Fowler.

### HARRISON

Brother W. J. Harrison slipped away to heaven on the evening of May 5th 1927. He was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, April 29th, 1862. He came to Texas at the age of fourteen and lived here until his death. He was converted at the age of sixteen and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Later he was sanctified, and a few years ago he received the Holy Ghost and came into the Church of God.

We have known Brother Harrison for the past two years and can say of him like 'twas said of Barnabas, he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost. We have had the happy privilege of visiting in his home many times and he always had a smile of welcome and a word of encouragement.

He had been a sufferer for months but was only confined to his bed for a few days. During his last hours he talked with many of his relatives, encouraging those who knew the Lord to be faithful and exhorting the unsaved to prepare to meet God. His last words were to his wife. He said, "Don't grieve after me, but shout and be happy! I am inside the gate and see Jesus standing with outstretched hands to receive me."

Brother Harrison is gone but his influence lives on. We feel that his wife has not only lost a good husband, but we have lost a faithful friend and brother.

The funeral was held at the church, conducted by his pastor, F. M. Waldron, assisted by his wife. Never have I attended such a funeral. The presence of the Lord was so real, and His glory filled the house. The Holy Ghost came upon his wife, and as we looked upon her, we beheld her face as it had been the face of an angel. For a time she seemed almost transfigured. Truly I have never witnessed a scene like this. There was scarcely a dry eye in the large audience that filled the church to overflowing.

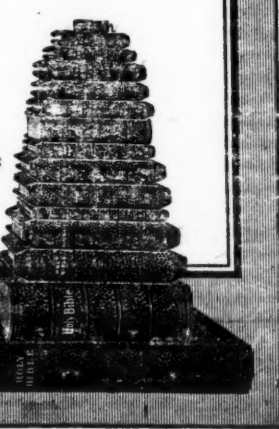
His body was laid to rest in the Weatherford Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. To the heart-broken wife and all the bereaved ones we, the Church of God at Weatherford, extend our deepest love and sympathy.—Mrs. F. M. Waldron.

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